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BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

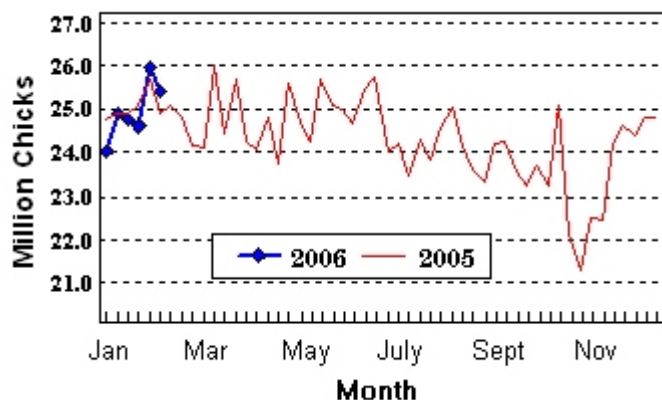
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.4 million during the week ending February 11, 2006. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but down 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.2 million, up 1 percent from both the corresponding week a year earlier, and from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

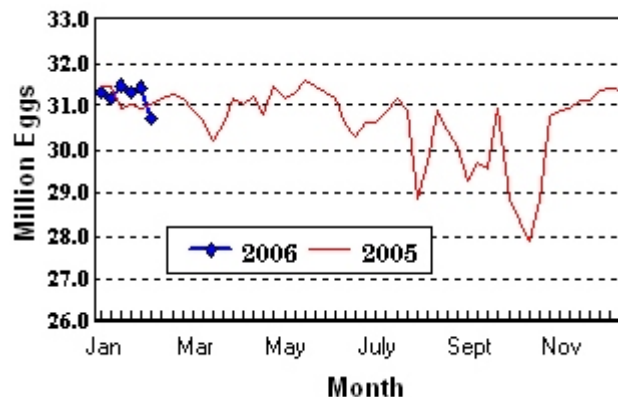
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 11, 2006, down 1 percent from the same period last year, and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Prev. Year	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Pre. Year	2004-2005	2005-2006	% of Prev. Year
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jan. 7	24,740	24,022	97	25,457	25,956	102	31,479	31,308	99
Jan. 14	24,886	24,910	100	25,873	25,940	100	31,506	31,150	99
Jan. 21	24,907	24,773	99	25,852	26,029	101	30,971	31,473	102
Jan. 28	25,119	24,597	98	26,145	26,054	100	31,023	31,327	101
Feb. 4	25,702	25,961	101	26,367	25,999	99	30,987	31,442	101
Feb. 11	24,929	25,389	102	25,911	26,220	101	31,020	30,728	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2005-2006



EGGS SET, 2005 - 2006



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2006

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				%1/	Week Ending						%1/
	21-Jan	28-Jan	04-Feb	11-Feb		07-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	04-Feb	11-Feb	
Alabama	31,411 *	30,946	31,605	31,668	104	21,582 *	20,782 *	20,890 *	21,340 *	21,631 *	21,412	99
ARKANSAS	31,473 *	31,327	31,442	30,728	99	24,022	24,910	24,773	24,597 *	25,961 *	25,389	102
Delaware	3,781	3,981	3,700	3,700	94	6,131	5,909	5,365	5,908	5,088 *	5,205	98
Florida	1,369 *	1,344	1,344	1,343	100	1,587	1,526	1,429	1,631	1,641	1,843	123
Georgia	35,051	34,382	33,575 *	33,657	100	27,421	27,421	27,998	27,061 *	27,312 *	27,552	104
Kentucky	7,466	7,358	7,154	7,440	103	6,238	5,754	5,620	5,815	6,147	6,347	101
Louisiana	4,135	4,136	4,136	4,136	102	4,140	3,733	3,843	3,937	3,977	3,950	103
Maryland	8,942	8,912	8,888 *	8,869	100	4,901	5,354	5,632	5,267 *	5,667 *	6,069	128
Mississippi	18,704	18,447	18,188	18,082	92	16,528	16,645	16,502	16,511	16,617	16,244	89
N. Carolina	18,272 *	18,140	18,640	18,604	100	15,434	14,915	15,715	15,465	14,630	14,449	99
Oldahom	6,690	6,760	6,566 *	6,660	103	5,398	4,784	5,262	5,447	4,451 *	4,780	91
Pennsylvania	3,983	3,971	3,664 *	4,063	100	2,857	2,873	2,958	2,949	2,858 *	2,875	100
S. Carolina	5,250	5,367	5,194	5,345	101	4,178	4,752	4,001	4,390	4,570	5,232	111
Texas	15,048	15,237	14,632	15,121	100	12,739	12,829	12,804	12,936	13,067	13,002	101
Virginia	6,385	6,156	6,246	6,360	106	5,418	4,785	5,213	4,990	5,222	4,913	91
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,444 *	17,239 *	18,074 *	17,487	95	16,485	16,049	16,205 *	16,490 *	15,498 *	16,480	97
Total 2005	215,404 *	213,703 *	213,048 *	213,263		175,059 *	173,021 *	174,210 *	174,734 *	174,337 *	175,742	
Total 2004	211,673	212,630	213,234	213,830		173,466	173,733	172,679	171,340	172,928	175,504	
%of Prev. Year	102	101	100	100		101	100	101	102	101	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						25-Feb	04-Mar	11-Mar	18-Mar	25-Mar	01-Apr	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 11, 2006. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 11, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through February 11, 2006 were 1.05 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.